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SUBJECT: POST ARTICLE ON PROTESTS OF US COMMERCIAL PILOTS

IN CAMBODIA

1. WASHINGTON POST CARRIES ARTICLE BY ELIZABETH BECKER  
(TEXT BY WIRELESS FILE) THAT STATES THE EMBASSY IS NOT RE-  
SPONSIVE TO DEMANDS OF PRIVATE AMERICAN PILOTS/OWNERS OF  
COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, WHO FEEL KAF TAKES MANY LIBERTIES  
WITH AIRCRAFT IN COMBAT AREAS. SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS ARE  
THAT COMMANDERED AIRCRAFT ARE BEING ENDANGERED BY FLIGHTS  
INTO COMBAT ZONES WITH MILITARY CARGOES. THE ARTICLE SAID  
THE EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE OFFERED TO WRITE A LETTER TO KAF  
ASKING THAT THE PLANES CONCERNED NOT BE TAKEN TO KOMPONG  
CHAM.

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2. IN PRESS GUIDANCE TODAY WE ARE LIMITING OURSELVES TO

STATEMENTS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AND WE  
DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH DATA ON CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS BETWEEN  
GKR AND THE AMERICAN FIRMS TO GIVE AN OPINION.

3. CONCERNING THE THREAT TO THEIR US CITIZENSHIP, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL LIMIT HIMSELF TO THE STATEMENT THAT "ON THE BASIS OF THE FACTS AS STATED IN THE UP ARTICLE, THE PILOTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO HAVE PLACED THEIR US CITIZENSHIP IN JEOPARDY UNDER US LAW. NOR, DO WE BELIEVE, WOULD THEIR US CITIZENSHIP BE PLACED IN JEOPARDY UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE FUTURE." SISCO

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